

Updates for the week of July 12th, 2004

Tools

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is sponsoring a Town Hall meeting on July 26 in Seattle to discuss actions that individuals, health care providers, communities, businesses, and the government are doing and can do to address diabetes treatment. Input gathered from the Town Hall will be considered in developing a National Diabetes Action Plan (NDAP). Please encourage your Steps Leadership Teams to attend this event. Registration information can be found by visiting <https://register.rti.org/hhs/index.cfm>.
- The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced the launch of an expanded health information web site. The expanded site now offers links to a wider range of NIH's valuable resources, features colorful images and gives readers the chance to test their health knowledge. Visit the web site at <http://health.nih.gov>.

Training

- Asthma Screening and case detection teleconference July 13th, 2004 from noon to 1PM. Special speaker, Leslie Boss, MPH, PhD. Leslie is an epidemiologist with CDC's Air Pollution and Respiratory Health Branch and has been working on asthma for eight years. This is a repeat of a teleconference presented about four years ago, but it is a topic that continues to be debated. Please invite your Steps leadership team members who are interested in the subject to join us. [Click here](#) to view the PowerPoint presentation.
- The summer evaluation institute. This link provides the Power Point presentations from last month's summer evaluation institute at CDC.
<http://www.chronicdisease.org/SumEvalCourseDesc.htm>

Conferences *(nothing to report this week)*

Information/Update

- The Summer Olympics are just around the corner. The Oregon Asthma Program thought it was a good time to publish a View of Asthma in Oregon focused on physical activity and asthma. If you have not seen it already, please visit <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/publichealth/asthma/view/view07.cfm>. Because of the timeliness of the topic, you may want to order some to spread around your clinic, school, gym, or other place where people gather who have asthma and exercise. Please e-mail asthma.ohd@state.or.us if you want additional copies.
- The July issue of the Chronic Disease Directors e-Bulletin can be viewed in a printable format by [clicking here](#).

- American Lung Association publishes a monthly e-newsletter devoted to tobacco control issues. To view the June issue please [click here](#).